



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62322

Yutaka MIYAMOTO, et al.

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For: WIRE HARNESS AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003, in which the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- Group 1 Claims 1-5, drawn to a wire harness;*
- Group 2 Claims 6-11, drawn to a method of manufacturing a wire harness; and*
- Group 3 Claims 12-13, drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness.*

Applicants respectfully assert that the restriction requirement is in error since claims 12 and 13 are the only pending claims. Claims 1-11 were canceled via the transmittal letter dated January 18, 2001, which accompanied the other originally filed application papers.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that a complete examination on the merits is in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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